

**PRAYER SERVICE
FEBRUARY 28, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

God loves you all the time
And all the time God loves you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity ✝ one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

**Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.**

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

**Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**

Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are ✝ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!



OPENING DIALOGUE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:23-31

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,**

who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,**

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No dis-

trust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

The gospel according to St. Mark the eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE

PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
 4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
 fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
 we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All the ends of the earth worship you. From galaxies to microorganisms, preserve your creation. Teach humanity to wonder at your works and to join you in tending to creation's well-being. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine. *(Here specific places of need may be named.)* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving. Bring vindication for victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression *(especially)*. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You made Abraham and Sarah the ancestors of a multitude of nations. Bless grandparents, parents, and foster parents, and the children who look to them for care and guidance. Console those who deal with infertility, parents who have entrusted their children to adoption, and children longing to be adopted. Equip ministries and services to families. *(The congregation's ministries and community services may be named.)* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find our lives in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.
God bless you ✝ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Refrain*Last time*

- 1 For peace in the world, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im -
- 3 For peace in our hearts, for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you



health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
 passionate re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
 peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;
 cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
 that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
 for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
 that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,

Refrain

Prayers of the Faithful for Week of February 28

TODAY we pray for:

Family and friends of Dr. Lomis as they mourn his death

Ben

Nancy Miller

Brian

Pat Kizuka

Polly Gillis

Allen Whitley

Stacy Dambaugh

Sue, friend of JoAnne Deaton

Roger Camp

Krisida Alberto

- special thank you and god bless from Jane Levering for all the cards she has received from her Grace family. The Christmas and birthday cards meant so much!

- all in our hearts and minds today.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Louise Ench, Kathy Long, Gener Ernst, Barbara Hewlett, Russ & Joan Snyder, Clare Schoening, Scott; Chris, Denise, Clare Benz and Lynda Martinez, Barbara Lynn Grabher; daughter in law of Erika and Ed Burke, Kyle, Bill Smith; step-father of Rebecca Koreck, Lena, Leslie, friend of Diane Teig, Jack Baskow, Claudia and Geof Bromfield, Scott & Lia Wycoff, The Fenner family, John Worrell—brother in law of Bill Baur, Mike Goyda, Lis Verbeck, Lois Snyder, Connie—mother of Karen Ehemann

David & Angie Wasgatt, John Deaton, Joan Sandstorm, Delores Sipe, Doug Price, Bob Waller, Kent Hardel, Gretchen Platz, Ellen Hall, Nanci Hunsinger, Claire Schoening, Tyler, Bill Howerin, Marcia Burton, Gina Clay

For our bishops; Elizabeth Eaton, Bill Gohl

For the Dean of the Delmarva Conference; Paige Evers

For our staff; Pastor Tara, Susan Allen, Jordan Irazabal, Louis Jones

For leaders & congregations of the Delmarva Conference;

For all pastors and church leaders

For our country; the United States, leaders and citizens.

For all of our global neighbors, stricken by the corvid-19 virus.

**To request a prayer, or update prayers, please call the church office (302-239-6481)
or email office@glcde.org.**

Lent Week 2

Timeless One, you renew your promises in every generation. Deepen our awareness of the communion of saints who have gone before us, the saints in our own time, and the saints who will carry on your message of grace after us. In Jesus' name we pray.

COFFEE & CONNECT

Every Sunday on Zoom at 10:00AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89184540007?>

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COFFEE & CONNECT
starts at 10:00am on Zoom

Adult Education Opportunity

Continuing.....

The study of **1 Peter “God’s Own People”** from the Book of Faith initiative through Augsburg Fortress continues this Sunday. Pastor Tara will be leading the study at 11 AM on Sunday mornings. You can participate through the “Coffee and Connect” link in this newsletter. Grab your coffee and snack and join in the discussion!

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SEND YOUR LOVED ONES NAMES IN TODAY!!



Covid Angels

To all those who have lost their loved ones due to the Coronavirus outbreak:

You are invited to email durandettas@verizon.net or call (Toni—302-239-0364) and give the name/s of those close to you that have been lost due to Covid-19.

We plan to put out the Angel remembrance display in March so please email the names by Sunday, February 28.

Peace and blessings, Toni Durandetta

Hilltop News.

Hilltop will be participating in the **DO MORE 24** statewide campaign March 4th-5th.

Can you imagine what life would be like for our children in the Hilltop community if the work we do stopped tomorrow? The community you care about relies on your support for educational and recreational enrichment.

But the future of the work we do is not at all assured.

We can work together to ensure the continuation of the critical services that make Delaware safe, special, and sustainable for future generations.

For 24 hours from 6 p.m. March 4th through 6 p.m. March 5th, we're asking you to do more with us. To donate, please visit the website <https://www.domore24delaware.org/fundraisers/hilltop-lutheran-neighborhood-center>.

Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center thanks you in advance for your support.



Join Us For a Live Hymn Sing!

Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 10:30 AM

Join us for a hymn sing during the second half of Coffee & Connect!

We are excited to offer a Hymn Sing LIVE during Coffee & Connect on Sunday, March 14, 2021. The Hymn Sing will begin at 10:30 AM and will feature your favorite hymns.

Please vote online and please add hymns with the "Other" button as needed!

Or email Jordan Irazabal: jordan.irazabal@gmail.com



Thanks to all who participated in our first shoebox float parade as we prepare for Lent. To view the video of the floats, visit Grace's Facebook page or go to <https://youtu.be/1uVSGKY7TPI>.

SAVE THE DATE: 2021 Golf Classic

Monday, October 4th, 2021



This year, LCS is holding our
Annual Golf Classic for Homelessness Prevention
Monday, October 4th
Bidermann Golf Club

This new Fall date, a change from prior years, is to ensure we can all gather safely for a day of golf, food, and fun!

Corporate foursomes or individual players are available!

Sponsorship opportunities exist for businesses and organizations, large and small. We also offer additional marketing amenities for three other events during the year.

To reserve your space or hear about sponsoring LCS, email [Alex Mazzei](#), Marketing Communications Coordinator.

LENT 2021

All worship services will be available all day on our website or Facebook page.

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Our *Midweek Lenten worship series* is “Open My Life, Lord” a cooperative series by Grace, Hope, St. Stephen’s and Bethel Lutheran churches of the Delmarva North Conference.

Each week we will hear a liturgy and meditation that invite God to open, lead and dwell within us:

February 24th—Open My Eyes, Lord

March 3rd—Open My Hands, Lord

March 10th—Open My Ears, Lord

March 17th—Open My Heart, Lord

March 24th—Open My Life, Lord

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As promised in the season of Advent, we will continue the Bible study or texts from *Handel’s Messiah* on Wednesdays in Lent at 7PM beginning February 24th. The study will be available on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84338548999?pwd=bkd6S3NueTdOOTZ6UE1URlNqK1pIU09>

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Phone: Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84338548999?pwd=bkd6S3NueTdOOTZ6UE1URlNqK1pIU09>



Drive thru Communion

Sunday, March 7

10am –12pm

Grace Parking Lot